

In this essay I am going to be arguing in support of killing cane toads. I have read many articles on these menacing pests to lead me to this conclusion. I have been persuaded in many ways that cane toads need to be destroyed. I will also be considering those arguments in defence of cane toads however my main argument is against these monstrous pests.

From my research into studies about cane toads, it is apparent that this much criticised creature is responsible for demolishing the native species of Australia. They therefore need to be exterminated. Even though this may sound very harsh and animals should be treated equally, they need to die to save the others.

Cane toads are warty creatures that are ugly with poisonous skin. They were brought to Australia in 1935 in an attempt to kill cane beetles, which had been eating cane sugar. The plan backfired as the cane toads reproduced and grew in number.

Why are they a pest? The biggest problem is that they breed very quickly. The epoch times says that they can "... up to 8,000-35,000 eggs per clutch." (the epoch times, 2005)

It was difficult to find evidence to support the creatures. The RSPCA were keen to on promoting nicer ways to kill them such as paralysing them and then freezing them, "... and job is done in a more humane way." (mercer, 2006)

It was clear from the start that it

would be difficult to support the cone
toads. All of my findings suggest they should
be killed and that has led me to believe the
same thing.

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